



## News Release

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### **City prepares for upcoming Riverside Freeway construction**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – The high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on the Riverside Freeway (State Route 91), between Tyler Street and Magnolia Avenue will be closed this weekend, Oct. 17-19.

Construction of the La Sierra Avenue overpass requires the closure of the freeway's eastbound and westbound HOV lanes from 8 p.m., Friday, until 5 a.m., Sunday.

Additionally, both eastbound and westbound No. 1 and 2 lanes will close from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

La Sierra Avenue over the freeway will remain open during construction, although delays are expected. All businesses will remain open and accessible. Drivers should use alternate routes, such as Pierce, Magnolia or Tyler Streets, during the closures.

The \$38 million project will replace the La Sierra Avenue bridges over both the freeway and the railroad tracks with six-lane bridges to reduce traffic congestion. New dual left-turn lanes onto the freeway will make it easier for vehicles to access the 91, while ramps will be widened from two to three lanes.

The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2009.

For more information, call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760.

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